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ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL HAS ISSUED PO/73/141 (QUOTED BELOW)
ENTITLED, "MOBILIZATION AND FORCE EXPANSION PLANS AND
POTENTIAL - SUMMARY OF MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN IN TIMES
OF TENSION TO AUGMENT THE FORCES IN THE AREAS OF ACE, ACLANT
AND ACCHAN." PO PROPOSES TO APPROVE REPORT (DPC/D(73)1) ON
ABOVE SUBJECT AND BY SILENT PROCEDURE.

BEGIN TEXT.

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT
PREPARED BY THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE ENTITLED: "MOBILIZA-
TION AND FORCE EXPANSION PLANS AND POTENTIAL - SUMMARY OF
MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN IN TIMES OF TENSION TO AUGMENT
THE FORCES IN THE AREAS OF AC, ACLANT AND ACCHAN"
(DPC/D(73)1).

2. THIS REPORT, WHICH WAS CALLED FOR IN THE AD 70
REPORT OF DECEMBER 1971, HAS BEEN ISSUED SO THAT COUNTRIES
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AND THE NATO CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE
ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION ABOUT AUGMENTATION OF FORCES IN A
READILY ACCESSIBLE FORM. IT TAKES THE PLACE OF ANNEX I TO
DPC/D(69)32.

3. UNLESS I HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY 16TH NOVEMBER,
1973, I PROPOSE THAT IT SHOULD BE RECORDED THAT THE DEFENCE
PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THIS REPORT. END TEXT.

COMMENT. THIS REPORT, WHICH HAS BEEN PRODUCED ANNUALLY
SINCE 1970 ON THE BASIS OF NATIONAL RESPONSES TO QUESTION-
NAIRES SUPPLIED AS ADDENDA TO DPQS, LISTS FORCES ROUGHLY
EQUIVALENT TO THOSE REPORTED IN DPQS BY COUNTRIES AS "FORCES
UNDER NATIONAL COMMAND," PLUS CERTAIN "CATEGORY C" NAVAL
FORCES, MOBILIZABLE AND STRATEGIC RESERVES, AND DUAL-BASED
FORCES. MISSION HAS CARRIED OUT SPOT CHECKS WHICH INDICATE
SOME DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN FORCES LISTED IN DPQ "UNDER
NATIONAL COMMAND" AND THOSE INCLUDED IN SUBJECT REPORT. WE
DO NOT INTEND TO OBJECT TO DPC'S TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT,
BUT WILL RAISE MATTER IN DRC IN EFFORT TO RESOLVE APPARENT
DISCREPANCIES. WE BELIEVE REPORT MAY BE USEFUL IN CONNECTION
WITH U.S. EFFORT TO OBTAIN MORE REALISTIC VIEW WITHIN NATO
OF THE CONVENTIONAL BALANCE. END COMMENT. MCAULIFFE

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